

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0002 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- In conventional resource management systems, application services typically function in connection with applications. Such application services may each manage different components of a resource. For example, two application services may manage different components of a loan approval process. Specifically, a first application service may manage a credit history component of the loan approval process, while a second application service may manage a down payment component of the loan approval process. Each of the application services may manage related service entities associated with the loan approval process. For example, the first application service may ~~mange~~ manage "applicant" service entities, while the second application service may manage related "loan" service entities. --